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ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE – 143

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

KORDIĆ & ČERKEZ CASE (“LAŠVA VALLEY”)

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Bennouna and Robinson

The Trial Chamber continues to hear Čerkez's defence case-in-chief.

Reconvening on Monday 9 October, the Trial Chamber heard the testimony of Father Drago Pranješ, a parish priest in Vitez from 1988. Father Pranješ gave evidence to refute the allegations regarding the detention of Muslim civilians in his parish church.

The next witness, Mr. Sulejman Čaušević, an ethnic Muslim, testified about events surrounding the outbreak of the conflict in and around Vitez on 16 April 1993.

Mr. Čaušević told the court that he was taken by the HVO military police to the Vitez public accounting service (“SDK”) building a few days after the conflict began. He testified about his treatment during the eight and 10 days of his detention. Having known Čerkez before the conflict, Mr. Čaušević also testified as to Čerkez's character.

The next witness, Mr. Mahmut Tuco, testified that, two to three days into the conflict, he was taken by police to the cinema building. Mr. Tuco told the court that he was treated well during his 11 to 12 days' detention.

On Tuesday 10 October, the Trial Chamber heard the testimony of Mr. Vladica Babić.

Mr. Babić told the court that he worked in Vitez at the centre for reporting within the Municipal Secretariat for National Defence before the war in Bosnia.

The witness testified about the function of the centre and its link with the Vitez municipal crisis staff under the presidency of Ivica Šantić, the then president of the municipality. Mr. Babić told the court that, upon the establishment of the Stjepan Tomašević Brigade in 1992, he was mobilised and became the head of the signals unit of the Brigade. His chief task was to establish communication to cover the section of the front line facing the Serbs from Slatka Voda to Turbe.

Mr. Babić told the court that he left the Stjepan Tomašević Brigade in early April 1993, and resumed his employment at the Vitez reporting centre. In mid-April 1993 he was again appointed as the head of signals in the Vitez Brigade.

The next witness, Mrs. Gordana Badrov, told the court that she was Chief of personnel in the Vitez Brigade command from March 1993 until January 1994.

Mrs. Badrov, testified about, amongst other things, the establishment and organisation of the Vitez Brigade and her working relationship with Čerkez. After the conclusion of Mrs. Badrov's testimony on Thursday 12 October, the Trial Chamber adjourned until Monday 16 October.

SIMIĆ, TADIĆ, TODOROVIĆ & ZARIĆ CASE (“BOSANSKI ŠAMAC”)

Trial Chamber III – Judges Robinson (Presiding), Hunt and Bennouna

On Wednesday 11 October, Judges Robinson and Bennouna held the scheduled status conference in the absence of Simić, Miroslav Tadić and Zarić who have been provisionally released pending the commencement of the trial (see Weekly Updates 120 and 128).

During the status conference general issues pertaining to various pending motion were discussed.

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II. OVERVIEW OF COURT DOCUMENTS

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 16 OCTOBER – 20 OCTOBER *

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:30 - 13:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial

Courtroom II 09:30 - 13:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial

Courtroom III 09:20 - 12:50, **Krstic**, Trial
 13:50 - 15:00, **Krstic**, Trial

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:30 - 13:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial

Courtroom II 09:30 - 13:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial

Courtroom III 09:20 - 12:50, **Krstic**, Trial
 13:50 - 15:00, **Krstic**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:30 - 13:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial

Courtroom II 09:30 - 13:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial

Courtroom III 09:20 - 12:50, **Krstic**, Trial
 13:50 - 15:00, **Krstic**, Trial
 15:45, **Galic**, Status Conference

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:30 - 13:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial

Courtroom II 09:30 - 13:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
 14:30 - 16:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial

Courtroom III 09:20 - 12:50, **Krstic**, Trial
 13:50 - 15:00, **Krstic**, Trial

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

Courtroom II 09:30 - 13:00, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
 Courtroom III 09:20 - 12:50, **Krstic**, Trial
 13:50 - 15:00, **Krstic**, Trial

*The courtroom schedule is provisional and you are invited to check for last minute changes with the Public Information Services. Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions are open.

PRESS RELEASES ISSUED SINCE 6 OCTOBER

DATE	NUMBER	TITLE	E	F	B/C/S
06/10/2000	532	STATEMENT BY CARLA DEL PONTE, PROSECUTOR OF THE ICTY, MADE ON 6 OCTOBER 2000	E		B/C/S
11/10/2000	533	SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ICTY OUTREACH PROGRAMME	E		B/C/S

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